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## Cheap Farming Lands

—ON THE—

### BOARD OF AID ESTATE

—ON THE—

## CUMBERLAND PLATEAU.

#### COMPARATIVE ELEVATION.

Cincinnati	550 feet above sea level.
Chattanooga	685
Rugby	1110

#### HEALTH AND CLIMATE.

All health seekers, whether from Northern or Southern States, should try the climate of the Plateau. The recent United States Census shows it to be almost the only district east of the Rocky Mountains entirely free from malarial, pulmonary and intestinal diseases. The Plateau has a double climate, one resulting from latitude and the other from elevation. The air is pure and invigorating. The water is freestone, cool and sparkling. Mineral springs are numerous.

The mean summer temperature is 72 deg. Fahr., and in winter 37 deg. Fahr. The nights are always cool and refreshing.

#### MINERALS.

The whole of the Cumberland Plateau is underlain by coal. The upper measures only have as yet been worked. These outcrop on the eastern portion of the Board's estate and are being successfully worked at several points along the C. & S. R. R. The lower measures have been opened by test workings only, and show a live foot vein which extends under the whole tract at a depth of about 400 feet.

The district is also underlain by the oil bearing sand and limestones of the lower carboniferous system. And these beds on their western outcrop show unmistakable evidences of petroleum.

At Rugby Road there is an excellent deposit of potter's clay. Samples have been tested with very satisfactory results.

#### TIMBER.

The whole country is heavily timbered. The principal varieties are Pine, white, yellow and black, Oak, white, black, chestnut, red, spotted and post, Hickory, Maple, Chestnut and Dogwood. The Board of Aids timber saw mill affords opportunities for rapidly converting this timber into marketable lumber.

#### SOIL.

The soil is sandy loam upon a mulatto clay subsoil. It is light, friable, holds manure, is easily cultivated and responds readily and generously to the best fertilizer.

#### CROPS AND GRASSES.

Corn, wheat, rye, oats, and barley all grow well, though this is not claimed as a grain growing soil. Tobacco is a profitable crop here, as also is sorghum. Hired grass, orchard grass, German and pearl millet, timothy and red clover have all been tried, and take hold and root well. Kentucky blue grass also thrives wherever introduced. The natural pasturage is abundant.

#### VEGETABLES.

Grow abundantly. Cabbage, onions, beans, sweet and Irish potatoes all make a fine return. The Irish potatoes are unequaled by any grown in America. Sweet potatoes and onions yield 500 bushels per acre.

#### FRUIT AND GRAPE CULTURE.

This region is especially adapted to fruit, and particularly to the winter apple and the grape. The apple crop here has never been known to fail. The trees are healthy, add the fruit smooth, plump, juicy and firm, rarely ever speckling or rotting. The grape finds all the conditions requisite to the highest success. The vines are vigorous, free from mildew and rot. The best wine varieties have succeeded admirably, and the wines made from them are excellent in quality and in good demand. These two fruits are destined to become the great staple products of the Plateau, and will undoubtedly yield larger returns than any other crops now cultivated.

Strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, currants, cherries, plums, and nearly all the small fruits thrive and bear prolifically.

#### STOCK AND SHEEP RAISING.

The excellent natural pasturage, good drainage, abundance of running water and freedom from flies make these occupations eminently suitable and remunerative. Step feeding stock for eight months in the year. Come South, where you can buy cheap lands, work out doors all the winter, and turn your stock into the woods most of the year.

#### EDUCATION.

Rugby has an excellent primary public school. It occupies the ground floor of the Church building, and is in every respect well appointed. It is open all the year and gives a free education. A school for boys, which will be affiliated to the University of the South and afford a preparatory collegiate education, is in course of organization.

The free school system of the State provides a school term of five months, in every district.

#### TITLES.

The titles are among the oldest and best in Tennessee, and have been thoroughly investigated and perfected.

#### LAND.

The Board of Aid Estate centrally situated on this plateau, consists of 35,000 acres of grazing, farming, fruit raising and vine growing lands.

It skirts Ten Miles of Frontage on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, With Four Depots Located on it.

The lands enumerated below are being offered in tracts suitable to all purchasers, at low figures and with deferred payments.

Board lands on the C. & S. R. R., west of Glen Mary Station. About 3,000 acres of very desirable land fronting on the C. & S. R. R. is here laid out in 100 acre farms. No farm is more than three miles from either Sunbright or Glen Mary Depots; to the latter are adjacent the Crooke Oak Mines, employing 300 men and with an out-pit of twelve car loads per day. Glen Mary has 200 inhabitants, three stores, telegraph station and post-office, and is beautifully laid out and picturesquely situated between the gorges of Clear Fork River and White Oak Creek. The streets are clean and dry, and invalids will find no difficulty in taking exercise, standing in well-kept, neatly fenced gardens, and by several very attractive villa residences. Several bored wells strike mineral waters containing sulphur and iron constituents, which are highly esteemed. Choice building lots are now being offered at very reasonable prices, also small tracts on the town site suitable for vineyards.

The site of Rugby Road is laid out in town lots and the Board is prepared to offer liberal inducements to persons settling there for manufacturing or business purposes.

The Board's Rugby lands comprise several tracts lying west of Rugby, in Morgan and Fentress Counties, as well as all their territory between Rugby and Rugby Road and Robin's Depots on the C. & S. R. R. These lands are traversed by the Rugby Pike, a graded road, seven miles long and pronounced the best dirt road in Tennessee, and are, on account of the superior communication, as accessible to the railroad as the less remote lands of the Board. They are situated on the direct and, in winter, only line of traffic from the C. & S. R. R. to Jamestown, Livingston, Celina and Rydstown, respectively the county-seats of Fentress, Overton, Clay and Fickett Counties.

The Board has arrangements with the C. & S. R. R. by which they can furnish settlers with reduced rate certificates from Cincinnati and Chattanooga to Rugby Road, on application to the undersigned. Maps and plans can be seen at the Board's Office on Central Avenue. Intending Settlers will be most liberally dealt with, and any information cheerfully given by

ROBERT WALTON,

Rugby, Morgan Co., Tenn.

### THE ALMSHOUSE HORROR.

Entire Portion Set Apart for the Insane Destroyed.

Twenty-Eight Now Thought to be the Number Who Perished, but Many More are Missing.

PHILADELPHIA, February 13.—The fire of last night at the Alms-house entirely destroyed that portion of the institution set apart for the insane. Of 84 inmates confined there, many missing, but it is thought most of those who perished were brought out of the burning building. At 9 o'clock this morning two more charred bodies were found in Ward No. 2. They had been roasted beyond all recognition. Several human forms can be seen in the burning wreck in the cellar. It is now thought twenty-eight of the inmates perished, and number of violent patients were locked in cells on the third floor and could not be reached. Eight of them have been taken out dead, and the others have not been accounted for. It seems that there is no doubt but that they are lost, and that their remains are among the things. During the night many insane persons were found wandering in different parts of the city, some nearly naked. The poor creatures generally seemed unable to understand their situation, and in some cases begged their captors pitifully not to throw them into the river. Others seemed to take it as a grand joke, and laughed gleefully when the subject of the fire was mentioned. Another man, flying down South street early this morning with a manacle attached to his wrist, and a few links of a chain dangling from it. He shrieked and laughed as he struck right and left among the frightened people. It was found necessary to use violence, and knock him down, before he could be secured. Another madman caused a panic in a street car by rushing in half clad and with his face scorched and blackened. He sank covering in a corner. It was soon found that he was more frightened than those who had run away. The report that the streets were full of escaped maniacs caused much alarm in West Philadelphia, and strangers looked upon each other with much distrust. Eleven bodies were found to-day. They were removed to the dead-house and placed side by side with the bodies of the sane. The bodies were removed from the building last night. The burned bodies are horribly disfigured, some of them being burned to a crisp.

#### A Maniac and a Preacher.

NEW YORK, February 14.—Regina Nehmer, for two years, been a member of the family of Rev. Leo Koenig, pastor of the Fifteenth street German Lutheran Church. She is only seventeen, and yesterday became a raving maniac. About 2 in the morning, Koenig and his wife were awakened by a terrific banging at their door. Suddenly the door opened and Regina burst into the room. Her hair hung down her back, and her eyes were glazed and staring. She rushed to the bed, clutched the minister by the throat and shrieked: "I have been ordained by God to kill you both!" Mrs. Koenig screamed and springing from the bed, rushed from the room. The struggle between Mr. Koenig and the girl was a violent one, but he finally broke away from her grasp, and dashed into the hallway, closing and locking the door after him. A police sergeant is supposed to have been locked up. Failure to hear from her friends in Germany has unsettled the girl's mind.

#### A Mormon Complaint.

CHICAGO, February 13.—A member of the Mormon Church, in business in Salt Lake City, and at present in this city, in an interview to-day, in speaking of the Edmunds law, said: "The prosecution of Mormons for unlawful cohabitation under the Edmunds law continues. Mormons, however, complain bitterly of the partiality of the District Attorney for not prosecuting Gentiles for the same offense, although it is notorious that many are guilty. Even the anti-Mormon press declare the law is practically a dead letter. Many Mormons against whom District Attorney Dickson is moving, are leaving, because they claim they can not secure justice in court; that juries are packed by open enemies, and that appeals are pending appeal. Gentiles are beginning to think they, too, will have to leave, or starve, owing to the injurious effect upon business, which would leave Utah in complete possession of Mormons."

#### Warning a Viper.

KANKAKEE, ILL., February 14.—A tramp named Nelson applied for lodging at Andrew Shreffler's residence in Rockville Township, Thursday night, saying that his feet were frozen. He was given a bed, and yesterday, while Mr. Shreffler was at work, the tramp asked Mrs. Shreffler for something to put on his feet. Mrs. Shreffler gave him some kerosene oil, but Nelson did not like it, and, taking an iron skillet from the stove, broke it over her head. Then he took a flat iron and struck her again on the head, producing several terrible wounds. The woman's skull was fractured, and she died this morning. Nelson was brought to this city last evening and lodged in jail. The feeling against the murderer is very strong, and fears are entertained that he will be lynched.

#### The Past Week's Failures.

NEW YORK, February 13.—The failures throughout the country in the last seven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., number, in the United States, 238; Canada, 31; total, 270, as compared with a total of 236 last week, and 334 the week previous. The large decrease is probably more apparent than real, as railroad and telegraphic communication in the West and Northwest has been so interrupted that doubtless many failures in remote localities have not yet been reported.

#### Duty on Tobacco.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The Ways and Means Committee to-day decided to report a bill, providing that the duty on leaf tobacco of requisite size and necessary fineness of texture to be suitable for wrappers, and of which more than one hundred leaves are required to weigh a pound, and leaf tobacco of growth of different countries, shall be, when inclosed together in bale or other package, if not stemmed, seventy-five cents per pound, and, if stemmed, one dollar per pound. So much of any package of tobacco as may not be suitable for wrappers shall pay a duty of thirty-five cents a pound.

### ANOTHER HORROR.

Thousands Witness Their Fellow-Men Suffering in the Burning Pile Without the Power to Save Them From Their Terrible Fate.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 12.—That part of the Philadelphia Alms-house and Hospital set apart for the insane was burned to the ground, to-night. From twenty-five to forty insane patients, most of them in the violent department, perished in the flames. There were 84 inmates in the building, many of whom were rescued, almost suffocated by the smoke. Only seven of the bodies of those who perished were brought out of the burning building. At eight o'clock Mrs. Unsted, the head nurse in the Department for the Insane, discovered fire in the wall in Ward M, which led from the first floor to the top of the building. She called her women assistants and endeavored, with their help, to put out the flames, as they appeared to be of a trifling nature, by dashing upon them buckets of water. A few minutes' work convinced the women that this method of extinguishing the fire would prove ineffectual. The watchmen from the different buildings, mustered with all possible speed toward the burning building, and turned on the hose. But the force of the stream was very feeble, and the watchmen soon saw that they could not succeed in the combat with the flames, and a loud alarm was sounded from the Twenty-first District Police Station. The order was then given by Superintendent Smith to remove the 84 unfortunate to a place of safety. By this time the smoke filled the long corridors and penetrated every iron-barred cell in the building, arousing the patients to a sense of danger they knew not what. In a very short time the cells were unlocked, those of the patients who were well were told to flee for their lives, and the attendants began to remove the sick. Scores of these wretched beings nearly suffocated by the smoke, which grew ever more potent, were placed in blankets and stretchers and carried to other buildings in the grounds. Many of the other insane, who had been liberated from their dungeons in order to give them a chance for their life, fled wildly out of the building, and a large number escaped from the grounds and departed as swiftly as they could in all directions. Some of those who ran off were clad in nothing but their night clothing, and others had only the additional covering of a blanket on them. The fire burned fiercer every moment. The entire upper ward, including the kitchen, was in flames, and step by step the faithful nurses and watchmen were driven back, forced to leave many helpless creatures in the violent ward in the third story. A immense crowd, attracted by the fire, from all parts of West Philadelphia, watched the efforts of the firemen, and when the first man, with dripping helmet and smoky garments, appeared upon the head of the ladder, bearing in his arms a sick patient, they cheered again and again with a mighty enthusiasm that animated the men to increased exertions. The roar of the flames sounded like the noise of Niagara, as they enveloped the doomed building, but when the flames at last reached the cells of the miserable wretches who had been left there, came out of the fire and wild shrieks and cries that chilled the blood of all who heard them, and rose above the roar of the destroying element. Wall after wall of anguish told the fate of some poor creature who was being burned to death in the hearing of thousands of spectators.

#### Secretary McCulloch on Rights of Chinese.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day sent to the House a reply to the resolution of that body asking information as to what regulations and instructions have been issued by his department relating to the right of Chinese to enter the United States. "Regulation numbered five," the Secretary says, "relates to Chinese subjects, not laborers, desiring to come into the United States from countries other than China. It does not embrace Chinese residents in countries other than China." "To hold that Chinese subjects resident in foreign countries must obtain permission and certificate from the government of which they are subjects, would be to compel them to go to China and there obtain a certificate which, if they had long been residents in another country, could not even then be obtained. Section 6 of Act of 1884, evidently applies only to Chinese persons other than laborers about to come into the United States for the first time. Any other construction would lead to the absurd conclusion that Chinese merchants, who reside in San Francisco, many years ago, and who have occasion to visit Victoria of the Sandwich Islands, shall be compelled to perform the impossibility of procuring a certificate from the government of China, from the Chinese Government, to which they are subjects. Congress could not intend to take away from Chinese merchants residing in this country the rights granted them by treaty. There can be no just pretense that any fraud can be practiced by giving to such merchants a certificate of identification by the Collector of Customs at point of departure, and making such certificate prima facie evidence of a right to return."

#### A Hydropathic Cure.

HAVERHILL, MASS., February 13.—George T. Royal, one of the principals in a recent elopement, announced to-day that he had swallowed poison. He took to his bed, called distinctly upon "Lena," his wife, and proceeded to die. An empty bottle which had contained laudanum was found by the bedside. There can be no just pretense that any fraud can be practiced by giving to such merchants a certificate of identification by the Collector of Customs at point of departure, and making such certificate prima facie evidence of a right to return."

#### Eva Mackay's Wedding.

PARIS, February 12.—Miss Eva Mackay was married to-day to Don Ferdinand Julien Colonna-Prince of Galzoro. Mrs. Mackay, mother of the bride, gave a grand bridal reception, which in every respect must rank with the most magnificent festivals of French history.

#### Death in the Mine.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., February 13.—A rope supporting the track on a mine slope near this city, broke while the truck was being lowered, and the result was the death of one man and serious injuries to four others.

### AN AVALANCHE.

A Utah Mining Town Nearly Wiped Out of Existence.

Sixteen Persons Thought Dead, But Some May be Recovered Alive.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, February 15.—A snow-slide swept through the mining camp of Alta, destroying three-fourths of the town, and killing sixteen persons, including five children. Following are the names of the killed: James Watson, Andrew S. White, Jerry Regan, Barney Gilson, David E. Van, Tim Madden, Fred Cushman, Mrs. Ford and child, Andrew Hickey and four children of Ed Ballow, and two Chinamen. Tucker's boarding-house was swept away and his hotel crushed. The Vallejo works, including buildings and tramways, were crushed. Two men at this mine happened to be in the drift and escaped injury. Strickley & Tucker's and Wallace's stores were injured slightly. Power's butcher shop and Simpson's drug store are the only buildings that entirely escaped. A large portion of the lost were in the boarding-house and hotel. Twenty-eight in all were buried. Twelve were dug out alive this morning. The rest are all undoubtedly dead. Two men at this mine happened to be in the drift and escaped injury. 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